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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 688
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Unaka High School Boys' Basketball Team on an outstanding season.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize the accomplishments of those outstanding athletic teams who work hard, demonstrate exceptional dedication and diligence, and attain excellence in their respective sports; and

WHEREAS, the Unaka High School Rangers are one such estimable team that evince the true spirit of athletic competition; and

WHEREAS, during the 2001-2002 season, Unaka High School compiled a phenomenal record of 25 wins against only 12 losses, and were the Watauga Valley Conference Co-Champions in boys' basketball; and

WHEREAS, after capturing the District 1A Tournament Championship, Unaka breezed past University School and upset Hancock County to capture the Region 1A Championship and then defeated Sunbright to earn the Sub-State Championship and a berth in the TSSAA State Tournament; and

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WHEREAS, the Rangers played in the TSSAA State Quarterfinals against top ranked Ezell-Harding Christian School; and

WHEREAS, displaying tremendous poise and determination, Unaka High School fell just short of victory; and

WHEREAS, this team was composed of talented players, many of whom garnered individual awards and honors, including Aaron Dugger, who was named Class A All-Tournament Team Honorable Mention, Region 1A Tournament Most Valuable Player and Upper East Tennessee's Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Aaron Dugger, Dustin Collins earned District 1A Tournament Most Valuable Player Honors; and

WHEREAS, the members of this outstanding team are Josh Blevins, Ben Cole, Dustin Collins, Kevin Estep, Aaron Dugger, Chris Arnold, Rusty Chambers, Cody Collins, Thomas Guess, Josh Jones, Chad Lewis, Derrick Cline, Rusty Holtsclaw, Daniel McInturff and Tyler McCann; and

WHEREAS, the Rangers were inspired to greater heights by the expert coaching of highly respected Head Coach Donald Ensor and Assistant Coaches Johnny Ensor and Richard Thomas; and

WHEREAS, the Rangers enjoyed the enthusiastic support of Unaka High School's administration, faculty, staff, students, cheerleaders, and fans; and

WHEREAS, the athletic excellence attained by this phenomenal basketball program is a tribute to the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of coaches and players alike, and deserves special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we congratulate the Unaka High School Boys' Basketball Team on an

outstanding season, join with their fellow students, teachers, families, and friends in celebrating their remarkable success, and wish them the best in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.